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FOR SECRETARY KREPS FROM AMBASSADOR AGGREY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EEWT, RO

SUBJECT: FIFTH SESSION OF JOINT AMERICAN-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC
COMMISSION

REF: STATE 191839

1. AS REQUESTED, I MET WITH FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF
FOREIGN TRADE ALEXANDRU MARGARITESCU ON AUGUST 2 TO
CONVEY YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF
RESCHEDULING COMMISSION MEETING FOR SPRING, 1979.
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
CORNEL BURTICA WAS UNAVAILABLE AS HE WAS VACATIONING
AT BLACK SEA.

2. I STRESSED YOUR DEEP AND SINCERE INTEREST IN WORK
OF COMMISSION ALONG WITH YOUR DESIRE TO LEAD U.S.
DELEGATION TO BUCHAREST NEXT SPRING. SUBSTANTIVE
BENEFITS THAT COULD BE GAINED, AS OUTLINED IN YOUR
MESSAGE, WERE ALSO CITED.

3. MARGARITESCU PROMISED TO INFORM DPM BURTICA
OF YOUR REQUEST THAT SAME DAY AND ADDED THAT BURTICA
WOULD RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MARGARITESCU
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THEN INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY EXPRESSED VIEW
THAT YOUR PORPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE,
BECAUSE DPM BURTICA BELIEVES IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH YOU ON IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF
COMMISSION.

4. I WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING

BURTICA'S RESPONSE.

5. COMMENT: I AM PERSONALLY PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE
DECIDED TO PROPOSE DELAY OF THE COMMISSION MEETING SO THAT
YOU CAN LEAD THE U.S. SIDE, AND BELIEVE GOR WILL ACCEPT.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN COMMERCE TO ACHIEVE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS BY
SPRING, 1979.
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